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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory,
Colonel White, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Abbot Smith, [REDACTED]

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MR. DULLES:

a. Referred to cables from [REDACTED]
regarding a request that CIA assist [REDACTED] in establishing a
federal intelligence organization, and commented that while we cannot
afford to turn this request down, he did desire that this be handled
carefully in view of the Station's caution that [REDACTED] may intend to use
this organization to monitor various activities, political enemies, and
not for its primary task of national security. He said of course what the
[REDACTED] do with their intelligence organization is their own business;
however, our people should be careful to the extent they become associ-
ated with the internal politics of [REDACTED]

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b. Noted that Brigadier General Chester V. Clifton, Jr., Military
Aide to the President, had been designated, in addition to his other duties,
as the Defense Liaison Officer, and we would use him as we had General
Goodpaster in the past, i. e., as a channel for transmitting hot items of
intelligence and other highly classified information to the President.

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c. Noted he had received a telephone call from his office while
attending the Consultants' Meeting in [REDACTED] on 16 February to call
Congressman Cannon immediately which he had done. He said that
Mr. Cannon had stated that he did not like the Director appearing before
too many Congressional committees and in particular mentioned the
Mahon Subcommittee. He said the Congressman asked him if there was
not some other source from which Mr. Mahon and his committee could
obtain information about missiles, and he had replied that he thought such
data could be obtained by Mahon from Defense. The Director also said
that Mr. Cannon had said that he noted Mr. Dulles was "writing articles
for the press." The Director commented he informed the congressman
that he had not in fact written an article for some number of years but
that the Reader's Digest had requested and received permission to
reproduce a portion of his speech for the Veterans of Foreign Wars on
22 August 1960, and that he had no objection since his talk was in the public
domain and had already been covered in U. S. News and World Reports.

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